

- S. HYPOCERINA Malloch, 1913
floricola Schmitz, 1938
similis auctt., nec. Haliday, 1833
minuscula Schmitz, 1953;
schnittmanni Schmitz, 1926;
tarsalis Schmitz, 1920;
S. TRITOCNICERA Schmitz, 1952;
similis (Haliday, 1833);
pauxilla Schmitz, 1920;
tibialis Schmitz, 1925;
fallens Schmitz, 1948. syn nov.

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THE FROSTED GREEN: POLYPLOCA RIDENS FABRICIUS AB. FUMOSA WARNECKE – While trunk-hunting at Brickett Wood, Hertfordshire on 16th April 1981, I was delighted to find at rest on a birch, an extreme melanic form of this local thyatirid in excellent condition. Reference to the R.C.K. collection in the BMNH showed it to conform to ab. *fumosa* Warnecke, which is represented there by four examples, three of which are also from Hertfordshire (Tring, two, 1965; Harpenden, one, 1952), and a single specimen from Woking, Surrey, 1976. Ab. *fumosa* appears nearest to ab. *unicolor* Cockayne (cf. original description in *Ent. Rec.*, 63: 31, plt. 2, fig. 7), but is more extreme. The fact that it may not have been recorded prior to 1952, and its apparently rather restricted distribution, may indicate that *fumosa* is of only relatively recent occurrence in Britain. – J. M. CHALMERS-HUNT.

THE LARGE TORTOISESHELL: NYMPHALIS POLYCHLOROS L. IN KENT. – I captured a male Large Tortoiseshell at St. Margaret's Bay, Kent on the 28th of August 1980, and exhibited it at a meeting of the Kent Lepidopterists' Group at Maidstone Museum on 21st March 1981 – A. D. HOWELL, 12, Harrow Dene, St. Peters, Broadstairs, Kent.